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Sir

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.